

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-13.

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Slaughter US Patent No. 6,789,077).

Slaughter is directed to an electronic document management system that uses a repository of documents, a space that receives requests in a representation, XML, for documents. The XML representation allows the space to determine which document is being requested for storage or retrieval. The different devices using the repository have their own interfaces and an interface to the XML messaging layer that then creates the representation to be sent to the repository. Slaughter does not address moving the data representations from one community to another. With reference to Figure 29, and col. 73, lines 34-36 it can be seen that the external client 1250 is external to the Space 1254, but that any data representations inserted in the Space 1254 by the client, or transferred to the client are not transferred to other communities or other spaces.

Claims 1, 6, 11 and 13 have been amended to require that objects intended for another community be transferred to the other community, such as by a non-space specific double agent. This is supported in Applicant's specification on page 10, line 23 through page 11, line 13, among other places.

As Slaughter does not teach, show nor suggest transferring objects between Spaces, it is therefore submitted that claims 1, 6, 11 and 13 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art and allowance of these claims is requested.

Claims 2-5 depend from claim 1, claims 7-10 depend from claim 6, and claim 12 depends from claim 13. These claims inherently contain all of the limitations of their respective base claims. As discussed above, the prior art does not teach, show nor suggest all

of the limitations of the base claim, much less the further embodiments of the dependent claims.

Conclusion

No new matter has been added by this amendment. Allowance of all claims is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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